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RICHMOND, VA., SUNDA Y, OCTOBER 29, 1905.

A QUADRUPLE TRAGEDY IN KING AND QUEEN

W. D. Coker Kills R. E. Gressitt at His Own Door.

CUT THROATS OF WIFE AND CHILDREN

Puts Rifle to His Own Throat and Sends a Bullet Into His Brain.

SET THE TIME OF HIS OWN DEATH IN NOTE

When the Hand of His Watch Reached the Minute Set He Fired the Fatal Shot. Drink and Insanity the Logical Con-

SHACKELFORD, VA., Oct. 28.-Th most shocking tragedy that ever occurred in this section was the killing to-day by William D. Coker of himself wife, two little daughters and a neigh bor, Mr. Robert E. Gressitt, this morning about sunrise. As Gressitt came out of his house, Coker, who, secluded unde the porch, fired a Winchester rifle at Gressitt. The first shot failing to kill shot again, instantly killing him. Coner leaving Gressitt, went to the house of colored man, and gave him a note to take to Plain View. The note was a request that a message be phoned to Mr. Harry Dudley and Mr. John Mar-ston to come to his home, Greenwood, at once and bring an officer. The coored man stated that Coker told him that he had killed Bob Gres-

sitt, and wanted to kill Jack Gressitt, if he could find him; also told him good-by, that he would never see him alive again, and that he fixed his wife, and

roat pointing towards the train. was already dead. His watch and le were lying on a table. The note if that Bob Gressitt and his brother, Gressitt, were the cause of it all; he killed his wife and children last at 2 o'clock; that the two little in died easy, but that his wife by hard, and that he had just his two little angels.

Dying Request.

said he wanted them burled there ee old homestead, and wanted his burled with his oldest daughter; he killed his family to shield them

several brothers and sisters liv

Roy, who was connected with some of the best families of Virginia. Mr. Gressitt was a merchant and postmaster at Gressitt's Postoffice, in the lower end of King and Queen county,

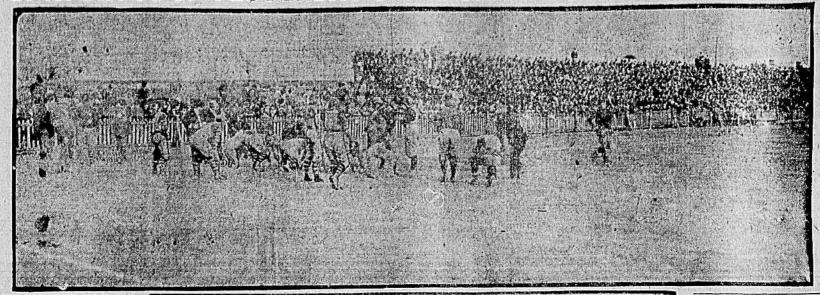
HEAVY DRINKER.

Mrs. Coker a Lovely Woman and Cousin of Governor's Wife.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) GLOUCESTER COURTHOUSE, VA. October 28 .- W. D. Coker, of Greenwood King and Queen county, murdered his wife and two daughters and R. E. Gressitt, of King and Queen county, day, and cutting with a butcher knife which he had borrowed from a ne.gnbo which he had borrowed from a ne-ginbor, the throat of his wife and two little g.rls. Placing them on a bed, he laid down beside them and slept until daybreak, when he walked dehievately to the noise of his good fr.end R. E. Gressett, and, hiding under the porch, awated the arrival of his friend. He raised his frie and shot him. Mrs. Gressett rushed out of the house and joined her intradict with those of the dying man to Coker not to shoot again. Coker queely walked to the other side of the porch and, shooting again, instantly killed Gresset. Coker then rushed away with the avowed intentions of killing Mr. Gressett's brouler, who fortunately was not on the pace. Not finding him, Coker returned to his own home, where lay the bodies of his siain wife and children.

Here he wrote a letter, now in the hands of the constable, telling how the crime was committed. When the officers reached Coker's home, they heard the report of a rifle, which ended the life of this quadruple murdered, thus adding the sin of suicide to his black arims. So far, no motive has been found for the murder, the throat of his wife and two little g.rls.





WITTE WON'T WAIT ON CZIR LONGER

Must Turn Over Situation Within a Few Hours.

BULLETS TO END THE REVOLUTION

Troops Fire On Workmen, and Wholesale Bloodshed is Expected Hourly-Believe Government Will Be Forced to Surrender.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, October 28, 6 P. M. The city is again in darkness to night save for kerosene and candles.

Awful Scene.

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the party arrived at Cokers of gun. Coker killing himself in Going into the house, they found Going into the house, they found collisions had occurred during the day.

(By Associated Press.)
WARSAW, October 28.—Cossacks arrested 120 Polish socialists at a Jewish bund meeting in a forest Pabianic, in government of Petrocopoff, this morning. When the news reached Pabianiace, workmen attempted to rescue their comrades. The tropositived and one workmen workmen workmen.

killed and twenty-eight were wounded. ST. PETERSBURG, October 28, 2:40 P.
M.—Telephonic communication in this
city and with Moseow has ceased. St.
Petersburg is entirely isolated from Mos-

The city is quiet.

REVAL, RUSSIA. October 28.—While the city was in darkness last night rioters sacked the stores, and later marching crowds set fire to the spirits shops, the atres and other buildings. Barricades were thrown up in various sections; buildings were still in flames this morning. Troops now arriving here.

Eight persons were killed and for?? wounded during the encounters between the rioters and police and troops last night. Crowds armed with rifles and revolvers prevented the fire department from extinguishing the flames at the theatre. REVAL. RUSSIA, October 28,-While

(By Associated Press.) . GOMEL, RUSSIA, October 28.—The (Continued on Fourth Page.)

BRIDE-ELECT BALKS

SPRINTING RECORD AT LICENSE OFFICE BROKEN BY Y. M.C. A. MAN

Flees, But is Persuaded to Return.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ST. LOUIS, MO., October 28.—Dan Cupid almost failed in fulfilling a contract with Hymen through the temporary backwardness of a bride-to-be, who ran away from her intended husband while the clerk in the office of the Recorder of Deeds was busy filling the blanks of a license.

The timid applicant was Mrs. Sophia.

Overcome By Bashfulness, She G. H. Queyrouze Equals Bethune's Professional Work for 100 Yards.

Ceremonies of Laying of Corner Stone of Church of Covenant

Impressive.

DR. CECIL'S FINE ADDRESS

Christ Was Chief Corner-Stone

of the Church of God-Ma-

sonic Exercises.

In the presence of the Synod of Vir

ginia and a large gathering of member

and friends of the congregation the cor nerstone of the new Church of the Cov

enant was laid yesterday afternoon with

imposing religious and Masonic cere

exercises began and under these happy

antly. A distinguished company of min

rites accompanying the service

The Exercises.

(Continued on Fifth Page.)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA, October 29,—G. H. Queyroaze, of the New Orleans Young Men's Christian Association, made a record for the hundred yard dash at the first annual meeting of the Southern Association, held here to-day. His time was 9 4-5 peconds. Other excellent records were made. The final score was:

Birmingham Athletic Club, 94; New Orleans Young Men's Christian Association, 28; University of Alabama, 11; Pratt City Athletic Club, 6. (By Associated Press.)

ALL FOOT-BALL SCORES BROKEN IN INDIANA

the sin of suicida to also black crime. So far, no motive has been found for the murder.

Mrs. Coker was a lovely woman, of good lineage, much beloved in king and Queen. Buth of the Gressets were good friends of the Cokers, and are men highly respected in that community. Mr. Gressett leaves a wife and enild.

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Special Reports of the Hound Trials.

Keen sportsmen all over the orld will be interested in the all between American and gliss hounds which begin on est and best printed either at Posts, a member of our staff and a recognized authority on horses and hounds, has left for Upperville to report the trials. Such papers as the London Dally Mail and the New York Herald have commissioned Mr. Posts to report the trial for them, and the masters of the competing packs have chosen him as clerk of the course. Our reports will be full, accurate and readyble. Persons curate and readyble. Persons wishing to secure copies of the papers containing them seems in their orders at once to leasure entry in advance and

Insure entry in prompt delivery.

ing Reception at Louisa.

rites accompanying the service, were very inpressive. The address of the day was delivered by the Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., pastor of the Second-Presbyterian Church, in which the Synod is now sitting, and was an eloquent tribute to the congregation and a striking exposition of the significance of the ceremony with which it was then sugged. SWANSON GIVEN A GR: AT OVATION

The exercises.

The exercises began at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon at the site of the new church. Park Avenue and Harrison Rireets, and ended about an hour later. The Masonic ceremony was conducted by Metropolitan Lodge, No. 11. A. F. and A. M., the Grand Lodge of Virginia being represented by Right Worshingh Grand. Congressman Jones Declares the Denial of Lewis is a Miserable Quibble-Braxton Missed Connection at Roa-

noke.

(Special by a Staff Correspondent.) LOUISA COURTHOUSE, VA., Octobe 28 .- Governor Montagne was given a flattering reception by the Democrats of Louisa to-night, where he made an eloquent and convincing address in the interest of the Democratic ticket. The Governor was welcomed in a very happy manner, first by former Senator William E. Blbb, the county chairman, and then by Mr. George V. Cameron, president of the

200 WANTHELP TO-DAY.

(Continued on Third Page.)

The 200 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on pages 12 and 13 are as follows: 40 Salesmen. 60 Trades, 25 Domestics, 30 Office,

20 Agents, 25 Miscellaneous. This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve neir positions as well.

CLOSE VIEW OF CAROLINA AND V. P. I. NEAR FORMER'S GOAL. STATE FAIR NOW

Definite and Positive Action Was Taken Last Night at Meeting of Citizens.

ALL AGENCIES AT WORK

Business Men and Transportation Companies Are Enthusiastically at Work.

Definite and positive action taken at last night in the T. P. A. headquarters nsures the revival of the State Fair of Richmond upon a scale that will telipse the past history of this institution here, and surpass anything of its kind

About fifty men were present in the room, all representative and many the heads of substantial business interests, for which could speak with full author ity. The enthusiasm manifested was ar Governor Given Flatter
Indication of the popularity and assured success of the movement. Not a dissenting voice was heard during the evening. Differences of opinion us to matters of Differences of opinion as to matters of procedure naturally arose from time to time, but these were lost sight of in the astonishing unanimity with which the Fair proposition itself was received. Perhaps half of these in attendance spoke before the session was over. The peculiar condition of Richmond, the vast opportunities for development that may slip from her grasp, and the manner in which she may come to be ignored as a business centre, were pointed out without any effort at concealment, and the positive demand for symething that will serve to enhance her prestige was repositive demand for semanting that with serve to enhance her prestige was re-cognized by all. That the State Fair, re-established on broader lines than ever before, would accomplish this revolution was the sense of these men, and steps (Continued on Ninth Page.)

CUNLIFFE CASH

IN BABY'S WAGON Detectives Find \$5,000 of Adams

Express Theft in Lining of Carriage. PITTSBURG, PA., October 28.-The

PITTSBURG, PA., October 25.—The persistent report that Mrs. Cunliffe, the wife of Edward G. Cunliffe, the Adams Express robber, had in her possession 5,000 of the \$101,000 stolen by her husband on October 9, was confirmed to-day when Superintendent H. J. Blderman, of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, went to the Cunliffe residence, No. 134 1,0renz Street, West Eind, this city, and in the lining of a baby carriage found a package of the part of the manage containing \$6.00. On the night Cunliffe was brought here from Bridgeport, Conn., where he was captured, he made a written confession to the authorities that he had given his wife \$6.00. Mrs. Cunliffe who in the meantime had moved to her father's home at Hartford, Conn., denied that she had the money notwithstanding that she was shown the written confession made by her husband. She was repeatedly questioned, however, and ta-day admitted to the detectives at Hartford, Conn., where the money could be found.

The authorities say there now remains about £0.00 which has not been accounted

BRUTALITY ONE OF ITS FEATURES

Much Rough Playing in Game Between V. P. I. and Carolina.

CARPENTER' WORK MOST BRILLIANT

Went Through Carolina's Line With Ease-Nothing Could Stop Him-Several Fights and Evident Bad. Blood On Both Sides.

SCORE. Irginia Polytechnic Institite Right end, Lewis, (Capt.)

Right tackle, Hines

Right guard, Strickling

Center, Stiles

Left guard, Curningham,

Left tackle, Willson

Left end, Webber

Quarter-back, Harris

Right half, Carpenter

Left half, Nutter

Full back, Harlan

th Carolina.
Left end, Townsend ...
Left tackle, Meadows
Left guard, Wilkiams ...
Center, Snipes, B. ...
Right guard, Seigel ...
Right tackle, Story ...
Right end, Whitaker ...
Quarter-back, Roberson
Right half Reynolds Right half, Reynolds Full back Abernathy

Touchdowns. Webber, 1 Abernathy, Goals.

Halves-tw

Timekeeper—Mr. Barry, of University of Georgetown.

Substitutes in Game. Wright in Townsend's place, N. C. Cox in Carpenter's place, V. P. I. Cox in Carpenter's place, V. P. I.
Dunlop in Williams's place, N. C.
Hanvey in Harris's place, V. P. I.
E. Snipes in Reynolds's place, N. C.
Pittman in Wright's place, N. C.
Diffendal in Cunningham's place, V. P. I

By the decisive score of 25 to 8, the red and yellow team from Blacksburg de-feated the blue and white aggregation (Continued on Fifteenth Page.)

RAZORS ENDED A FISH DINNER

Former Richmond Negro Preacher Slashes An Unwelcome - Guest to Death.

(By Associated Press.)
PLAINFIELD, N. J., October 28.—J. E. Christopehr, a negro, who came to this city recently from New York, was lashed to death to-day by James A. Watson.

an initerent negro preacher. Christopher and his wife occupied apartments over those of Watson, Mrs. Christopher wanted to cook some fish to-day on Watsn's stove and he objected. They quarreled, and Mrs. Christopher grabbed one of two razors lying on a table. Watson seized the other razor and they slashed at each other. Christopher took moved to her father's home at Hartford. Conn., den'ed that she had the money notwithstanding that she was shown the written confession made by her husband. She was repeatedly questioned, however, and to-day admitted to the detsctives at Hartford, Conn., where the money could be found.

The authorities say there now remains about \$1.000 which has not been accounted to the lospital, where he died.

Watson and the woman were locked up. Watson is forty-four years old, and came to this city from Richmond, Va., 100.

POISONING WAS CHIMINAL, SAYS CORONER'S JURY

Unable to Fix Responsibility. But Certain of Malicious Intent.

MANY QUESTIONS FOR MRS. McDOWELL

Expert Bulla Says She Wrote Anonymous Letters to Mrs. Perkins.

NO ARREST YET MADE AND POLICE MYSTIFIED

It is Now All in Their Hands to Find Clues and Follow Them Until An Arrest Can Be Made and a

Case Made

"An Inquisition taken at 300 East Marshall Street, in said city, on the 17th day of October, 1905, before me, Dr. William H. Taylor, coroner, upon the view of the body of Octavia Celeste Blakey, there lying dead. The Jurors sworn to enquire when, how, and by what means the said Octavia Blakey came to her death, upon their oath do say, that she came to her death on the 17th day of October, 1905.

"And they are of opinion that she ded

who died on the 21st day of September, 1905, also came to his death from the

effects of phosphorus criminally administered by the same person or persons, who, in their opinion, poisoned Octavia Celeste Blakey.

"In testimony whereof the said coroner and jurors hereto set their hands and seals.

"MM. H. TAYLOR, M. D.,

"Coroner (Seal).

"C. F. MASON, Foreman (Seal).

"C. R., MEADS (Seal).

"JOHN J. HUNT, JR. (Seal).

"C. A. COLE (Seal).

"A, F. HULCHER (Seal)."

Mrs. Mamie Estelle McDowell, sometimes referred to as Mrs. Bryant, was
the butt of all the allegations throughout
the investigation. Both the father and
mother of the two children asserted positively and without any sign of wavering
that in their belief Mrs. McDowell gave
the poison to each of the children; the
grandfather corroborated their statements
in some instances, and a twelve-year-old
child of Mrs. Perkins swore that Mrs.
McDowell had given one of the children
the last something that it ate before its
death.

Identified the Writing Identified the Writing.

Identified the Writing.

And Post-office Inspector John Bulls swore positively that the four anonymous and threatening letters received by the Perkins family were written by Mrs. Mo-Dowell. He was positive in his statement, and gave it as his opinion, based on twenty-six years' experience, that each of the letters was written by the same person and that that person was no other than Mrs. McDowell, a copy of whose handwriting he had.

This was the side of the prosecution, as it were, and against this was the statement of Mrs. McDowell, Alone and apparently friendless she appeared in the City Hall, talked with no one, associated with no one. On the witness stand she flatly contradicted statement after statement made by Mrs. Perkins. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Perkins, as well as the little Perkins child. She was nervous during the examination and at the close completely broke down and wept, calling upon the members of the jury to have mercy on a widow with three children to support. It was a touching scene this. The woman—a woman whose past life had been darkened by many shadows—appeared apprehensive of arrest. She watched every movement of the detectives with an eve like that of a hawk. A detective could not move about the room or in the hall but that her eves followed him. Her answers to questions, however, were outek and her testimony connected. She told of nursing the children in their scales.

Miss Mitchell Exonerated.

Yesterday's knivestigation completely exonerated Miss Abble Mitchell, whose name was connected with the case by reason of the fact that her initials were signed to one of the letters and to another was the one word "Abble."